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ISRAEL'S MISSION OF MERCY IN THE CONGO CONTINUES — The Minister of Health of the Congo and his wife, received by Israel's Deputy Minister of Health Yitzhaq Raphael and Mrs. Raphael, who discussed a continuous aid to the suffering people of the Congo. Israel is continuing her mission of mercy to the African nations.

Demand Check Of Nazi Mafia

Say Many Hitler Criminals Hiding

(by the CJN Reporter)

The recent investigations of some activities in the Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration have induced several liberal-thinking and progressive Canadians to demand a check on a number of immigration permits issued to notorious European Nazi criminals who landed in Canada. Intellectuals of note as well as men active in groups composed of former Nazi Camp inmates of different religious persuasion and various ethnic background will soon ask some M.P.'s to raise the following question on Parliament Hill:

• If the Sicilian Mafia is investigated, why should not the same principle be applied to the Hitlerite Mafia?

People in the know informed The Canadian Jewish News that during the post war years when the United States was closed to known Nazi criminals, Canada was second only to Argentina in "liberal" immigration policy vis-a-vis Nazis. It is not accidental that in the recent months many Nazi activities are noted in this country, including secret military training.

If, and when, Parliament will discuss the dissemination of hate literature, some members of Parliament are expected to demand more information on the files of notorious Hitlerite collaborators now living in this country.

We are also told by experts on Nazi activities in North America that as soon as the Statute of Limitations will be effectuated by West Germany, the Canadian government and public opinion will be surprised to discover Nazi criminals in this country.

KOENIG AFFAIR TROUBLES ARABS

PARIS (JCNS) — L.I.C.A. (League Against Antisemitism), in a letter made public addressed to General Koenig, the wartime hero of Bir Hakim and a close friend of President de Gaulle, condemned the blackmail to which the general was subjected by the Arab boycott bureau in Damascus.

The letter expressed the solidarity of the League with the General's refusal to submit to Arab pressure by resigning from the Alliance France-Israel, of which he is chairman, or see the firms of which he is a director be put on the Arab black list.

The JCNS correspondent has learnt from reliable sources that the publicity given to the affair is causing extreme embarrassment in Arab diplomatic circles. Ambassadors of some Arab countries fear that what has already been termed the "Koenig affair" might seriously hamper their efforts to restore Franco-Arab relations and damage plans for official visits to France by Arab rulers, as well as other public demonstrations of Franco-Arab friendship.

(see also story on page 8)

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

End Of An Era

ESHKOL'S MASTER STROKE

The government crisis in Israel was solved quickly by political strategy which adds new honor to the master: Levi Eshkol. For the first time since he took possession of the reins of government a year-and-a-half ago, Levi Eshkol, businessman-prime minister, has become master of the house.

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Until the crisis last week, culminating in his dramatic resignation in a protest move against former Premier David Ben Gurion's behind-the-scene intrigue, Eshkol's regime was considered temporary.

Like the typical mother-in-law in Yiddish folklore, Ben Gurion had continuously "advised" Levi Eshkol about managing the affairs of the state. Once convinced that the new prime minister actually was changing policy and the very approach to national issues, the Old Man intensified behind-the-scene manoeuvres to destroy Eshkol's hold upon the Party.

For the first time, however, Ben Gurion was challenged not only by a majority within Mapai but also by the coalition partners: the National Religious Party and Ahdut Avodah. Instead of submitting to orders from would-be dictator Ben Gurion, for a year-and-a-half these two parties to the right and left of Mapai enjoyed the air of absolute, genuine cooperation among partners in government.

Ben Gurion's tactics in such a situation always were to set one party against the other. He would threaten the Religious Group to encompass the General Zionists should the former refuse to cooperate, and vice versa. The General Zionists (now the Liberal Party) still remember how Ben Gurion expelled them from the coalition in one such manoeuver.

Recent developments impelled other Israeli leaders to review Ben Gurion's policies in general. For the first time within his own faction many are beginning to criticize the reparations deal with Germany as well as Ben Gurion's pro-Bonn position. Also, Ahdut Avodah, a militant group on the left which agree with Herut on some aspects of Israeli strategy, never condoned Ben Gurion's withdrawal from Sinai. Now that the documents of those days have become less secret—when Emmet Hughes, Eisenhower's close collaborator at the time, publicly admits in a book that Ike never expected Ben Gurion really to evacuate Sinai—others recall Truman's saying of those days: who forced B.G. to retreat?

Now it is expressed openly that B.G. had surrendered too easily to the pressure of some UJA leaders who had feared a few months of slackness in fund-raising activities in the United States—had Israel pursued indeed to eliminate Nasser.

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Of course, all these hypothetical arguments and fine points of debate were forgotten during the period of the Eshkol regime.

Eshkol defied the Old Man when he brought home the remains of Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder of Haganah and defender of Jerusalem, whose memory Ben Gurion had attempted to erase because of petty politics.

Eshkol understood that Israel must strive towards internal consolidation in order to face the real problems in the international arena. As he told the Mapai Central Committee last week in his usual open, candid manner:

"Mapai and Israel must choose between the past and the future."

Eshkol faces the future. And when Mapai vetoed last weekend Ben Gurion's vendetta-like proposals following Eshkol's challenge, it was this future it chose.

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The victory of Eshkol and his new, unchallenged leadership is good not only for his own party (which extends under the new Prime Minister towards a middle-of-the-road political organization instead of a doctrinaire socialist club). It has saved Israel from a difficult, internal feud; for, at this moment when the two main opposition parties, Herut and the Liberals, are not yet united, there virtually is no alternative to the present coalition government.

Thus all friends of Israel abroad, no matter what their political preferences, realize that the Eshkol victory, which will spare his nation a premature election-upheaval, enhance the stature of the new leader as a great administrator of his country. This is beneficial for Israel.

FRENCH STUDENTS IN MOVING MANIFESTATION

PARIS (JCNS) — The leadership of U.N.E.F. (Union Nationale des Etudiants de France) unanimously decided yesterday (Tuesday) to refuse to accept the seat on the executive of the International Union of Students to which it was elected two weeks ago at the Union's conference in Sofia. The decision was in protest against the refusal of the International Union to accept a request for membership by the Israel Students' Union.

At the meeting of U.N.E.F. yesterday, the delegation to the Sofia conference reported on the incident, which was described as demonstrating a discriminatory attitude by the International Union towards the Israelis and the absence of a true democratic spirit.

The meeting also discussed the present situation in the Paris Latin Quarter after a series of incidents between Right-wing elements and Left-wing students, resulting on a savage attack ten days ago against the vice-president of U.N.E.F., M. J. C. Levy.

In order to counteract such incidents the U.N.E.F. decided to cooperate closely with Catholic democratic students, Jewish, Socialist, and Communist students in combating rightist outrages.

YESHIVA BOYS MEET IN CANADA

NEW YORK (CJN)—More than 120 teenagers from upper New York State, Michigan, Ohio, and Canada, will attend the third Canadian Torah Leadership Seminar sponsored by Yeshiva University from December 24-30, at the Carousel Motel in London, Ont., Canada, Rabbi Norman Tokayer, seminar coordinator, announced.

The seven-day seminar, to expose the youths to a traditional Jewish living experience, is a project of Yeshiva University's Community Service Division and Youth Bureau, which seeks to establish units of informed, educated and observant youths in synagogues and centers throughout the country and Canada.

The program will include Jewish studies, leadership skills, group dynamics and recreation. The youngsters will be directly involved and responsible for many programs through religious and recreational committees.

Teenagers attending will represent the following communities in Canada: Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Brantford, Kitchener, St. Catharines, Windsor, Niagara Falls, and Montreal. New York State will be represented with teenagers from Buffalo and Rochester. Some are expected from Detroit, Michigan, and Toledo and Dayton, Ohio.

Rabbi Herbert Millen, principal of Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Hamilton, Ont., will be seminar area representative.

Congregations which will participate in the program are: Con. Beth Shalom of Ottawa, Ont., Can., headed by Rabbi Simon Eckestein; Cong. Machzikai Adas of Ottawa, Ont., Can., headed by Rabbi A. Rubin; Cong. B'nai Jacob of Toledo, Ohio, headed by Rabbi Nehemia Katz; Cong. B'nai David of Detroit, Mich., headed by Rabbi Hayim Donim; Cong. Beth Abraham of Detroit, Mich., headed by Rabbi Israel Halpern; Cong. Anshe S'fard of Akron, Ohio, headed by Rabbi Abraham Leibtag; Cong. Beth Jacob of Dayton, Ohio, headed by Rabbi Samuel Fox; Cong. Shaar Hashomayim of Windsor, Ont., Can., headed by Rabbi Samuel Stollman; Cong. Ahavas Achim-Lubawitch of Buffalo, New York, headed by Rabbi Levi Buchan; Cong. B'nai Israel of St. Catharines, Ont., headed by Rabbi Israel Freedman; Cong. B'nai Jacob of Niagara Falls, Ont., headed by Rabbi L. Fleischmann; Cong. Beth Sholom of Rochester, New York, headed by Rabbi Henry Hoschander; Cong. B'nai Moses Ben Judah of London, Ont., headed by Rabbi David Kirshenbaum; Cong. Beth Jacob of Kitchener, Ont., headed by Rabbi P. Rosenzweig; Cong. Adas Israel of Hamilton, Ont., headed by Rabbi Morton Green; Cong. Shaarey Tefilah of Toronto, Ont., headed by Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig; Cong. Shaarey Shamayim of Toronto, Ont., headed by Rabbi Walter Wurzberger, and Cong. Beth Joseph Center of Rochester, New York, headed by Rabbi Sidney Green.

Others who will participate in the program as rabbinic faculty are: Rabbi Yosef Blau, of the faculty at Yeshiva College; Rabbi Morton Green of Cong. Adas Israel Anshe Sfard, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; Rabbi Sidney Green of Beth Joseph Center, Rochester, N.Y., Rabbi David Hartman of Cong. Tifereth Jerusalem, Cote St. Luc, Que., Can.; Rabbi Alvin Marcus of Jewish Community Center of Paramus, Paramus, N.J.; and Rabbi William Millen, Educational Director, Dayton Hebrew Academy, Dayton, Ohio.

LORD RUSSELL WRITES TO THE SOVIET LEADERS

LONDON, (JCNS) — The change in the leadership of the Soviet Union has not put an end to the correspondence which Lord Russell (Bertrand Russell) carried on with the deposed Prime Minister, Mr. Kruschev.

Lord Russell's private secretary, Mr. Ralph Schoenman told a JCNS reporter that the correspondence is now continuing with the new Prime Minister, Mr. Kosygin, and that it still refers to the position of Soviet Jewry.

"Lord Russell is not yet satisfied with the replies which he has received so far from the Soviet leaders with whom he has been in touch", Mr. Schoenman stated.

NEGRO NAMED AT BRANDEIS

NEW YORK (JCNS) — Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., has selected Mr. Jacob Lawrence, a distinguished contemporary American painter and a Negro, as its first artist-in-residence.

Under this new program, Mr. Lawrence will be visiting professor and will conduct a class in fine arts for advanced students.

WANTS ISRAEL AMBASSADOR OUT

OTTAWA (CJN) — Fred L. Farha, Lebanese-born resident of Ottawa, intends to ask External Affairs Minister Martin to expel the Lebanese Ambassador Edmond Khayat from Canada. He already has sent a telegram to Mr. Martin and Citizenship Minister Tremblay in which he called for "an urgent inquiry" into charges that the ambassador was interfering with the "rights" of Lebanese-born Canadians.

Also, he charged that "my Canadian citizenship has been challenged and my rights as a Canadian have been denied by a representative of a foreign country.

"An urgent inquiry into these charges and the manner of threat they were carried with is kindly and urgently requested. Your Excellency, I sincerely feel that democracy has been molested by this action".

Dissension arose when the vice president of the Canadian Lebanese Association, James Beauchamp, was called to the Lebanese Embassy after his name appeared on a circular which supported Don Reid as candidate for mayor.

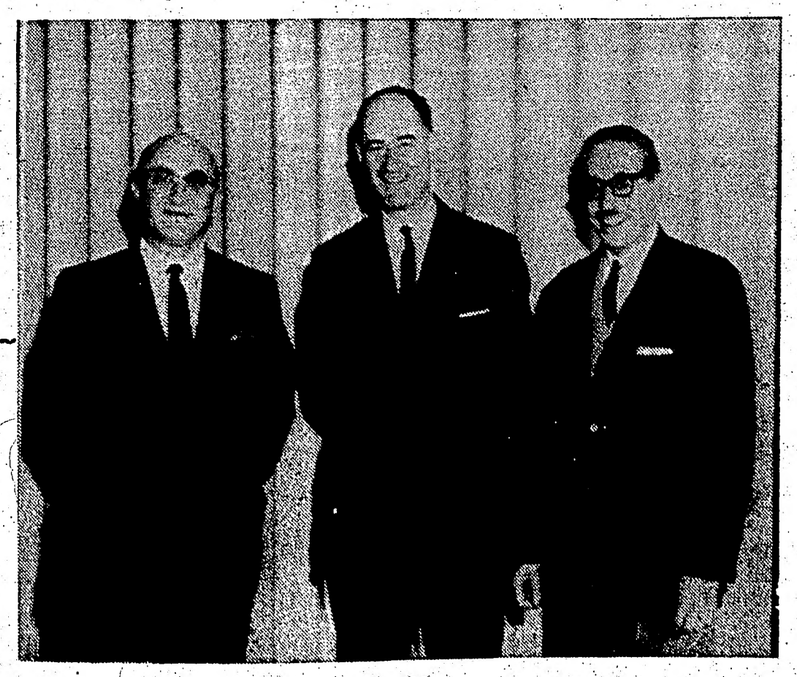
The ambassador, in a statement, said that "ill feeling prevails in certain circles who believe that the signatories have issued the circular in their capacity as members of the Association...".

Mr. Farha, a Canadian citizen for the past ten years, feels that the ambassador is meddling. If he is not expelled, Mr. Farha himself will take legal steps against him.

KINGSTON COMMUNITY WELCOMES ENVOY

On Thursday, December 3rd, His Excellency, Mr. Gershon Avner, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, was feted at a luncheon sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of Kingston at the Beth Israel Synagogue.

Mr. Sheldon Cohen, president of the Council, presided. Rabbi Karpol Bender, spiritual leader of Beth Israel Synagogue, welcomed Ambassador Avner on behalf of the Jewish community.



JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL WELCOMES ISRAELI AMBASSADOR — (From left to right) Rabbi Karpol Bender of Kingston's Beth Israel Synagogue, Israeli Ambassador to Canada Gershon Avner, Mr. Sheldon Cohen, president of the city's Jewish Community Council, at a luncheon tendered in Mr. Avner's honor.

ACTION DEMANDED

OTTAWA (CJN) — At a public meeting on human rights which took place here last Wednesday, the Hon. J. T. Thorson, retired president of the Exchequer Court of Canada and president of the Canadian Citizenship Council, stated that hate literature spreading across Canada must be wiped out.

"There must be a suppression of the hate literature with its poisonous attack on the Jews that has recently been circulated. An effort must be made to amend the Criminal Code in order to eliminate this canker".

The problem, Mr. Thorson said, required "immediate action".

Mr. Thorson went on to say that Canadians feel free to condemn discrimination in other lands but are "far from being free of it" here.

"There is still discrimination against Negroes and other Canadians whose skins are not white and strong antisemitic sentiment in several parts of Canada".

Mr. Thorson said that Canadians must realize there is no superior race and no basic differences between the human beings that constitute the Canadian nation.

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REVIVED SCHOOL CELEBRATES

HANUKAH CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN OF TORONTO'S TALMUD TORAH (formerly Bais Yehuda).
From left to right: (committee) Mr. J. Kraft, Dr. W. Paul, Mr. S. Wortsman, Rabbi I. Cohen, Mr. A. Jacobovitch, Mr. Chs. Garfunkel and Mr. Z. Lebovic.

Last row: L. to R.: Mr. J. Kraft, Mr. S Wortsman, Mr. Chs. Garfunkel, Mr. Z. Lebovic, Mr. J. Shapero, Rabbi I. Cohen and Mr. A. Jacobovitch. Second last row: L. to R.: Mrs. Hiltz and Mrs. H. Perel.

Children at Hanukah play, The Living Menorah.

● Holy Blossom Temple will host the NELFTY conclave this weekend. Theme will be: The Psalms—Mirror of Biblical Faith. Rabbis among those of the faculty are: Rabbis Morton Applebaum, Akron, Ohio; Herbert Bronstein, Rochester, New York; Samuel Broude, Cleveland, Ohio; L. J. Cashdan, Toronto; Philip Horowitz, Cleveland, Ohio; Daniel Kerman, Buffalo, New York; Kurt Metzger, Bradford, Pa.; Jordan Pearlson, Toronto; Alan Ponn; Niagara Falls, New York; Bernard Perelmuter, Erie, Pa.; Leonard Schoolman, Rochester, New York; Henry F. Skirball, director, National Federation of Temple Youth. Youth chairmen are: Mark Sarner, Arlene Perly, housing; Jack Davis, Linda Stutz, registration; Paul Herbert, Ellen Cole, worship; Jeff Levy, Lynne Davis, program; Meryl Barruch, Linda Weinberg, food; Edward Rose, David Young, transportation. Adult committee comprises: Mrs. David Sweet (chairman); Mrs. Jack Kirzner; Mrs. Hersh Levy; Mr. Jack Kirzner; Mrs. Lewis Applebaum.

● Mr. Morley J. Pape, vice president of Holy Blossom Temple, was elected recently president of Toronto's Jewish Public Library.

● Mrs. G. King and Mrs. M. Fegelman, convenor and co-convenor respectively of the Religious School Festival Committee thanked the following ladies for their help with Hanuka celebrations: Mesdames N. Berdock; G. Cohen; Louis Cohen; S. Cymbal; H. Dambrot; D. Eigles; S. Fishbein; L. Lavine; I. Liss; S. Loftus; E. R. Pepner; Misses C. Liss and A. Rothschild.

NEW OFFICERS

Congregation Beth Yitshak (Rabbi Dr. Ernest Klein, spiritual leader) held its annual general meeting recently. The following officers were elected: Armin Weiss, president; Rabbi Dr. Ernest Klein, chairman of the Religious Committee; Messrs Arnold Good and Fred Kolin, vice presidents; Mr. Francis Guttman, financial and recording secretary; Alex Jakubovic, gabbai; Messrs. Arthur Basch, Leo Bermann, Paul Horvath, Leslie Kertes, Louis Munk, Miklos Pal, Andrew Veidlinger, members of the presidium; Messrs. William Curtiss, Arnold Grosz, Leslie Kelemen, Herman Kohn, G. Neuman, Francis Scherter, members of the executive committee. Dr. Joseph Borgida is life president; Mr. Allan Grossman, M.P.P., Minister in the Ontario Cabinet, is honorary president of the Congregation.

TORAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Toronto Committee for Torah Education is holding its regular meetings at the Talmud Torah building at 703, Ossington Ave.

One of the recent meetings was decided:

to launch a campaign for $18,000. — to maintain the Talmud Torah formerly Bais Yehuda.

To inaugurate lessons for adults in Hebrew, Jewish laws and customs.

It was reported by the School committee, that with some new registration fifty children attend classes daily. Girls make up half the classes. Beside that, twelve post—Bar Mitzva boys (age 14 — 16) spend some hours on Sunday and other days of the week, reviewing their Jewish knowledge, putting on Teffillin, and having some supervised activities in the Talmud Torah.

The Torah Education Committee, in cooperation with the P.T.A. and Parents organization, will conduct a campaign of information, to clarify its position and the necessity of keeping the Talmud Torah open in the Bloor-Ossington district. Every organization, landsmanshaft and individuals will be contacted.

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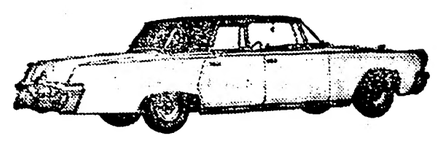
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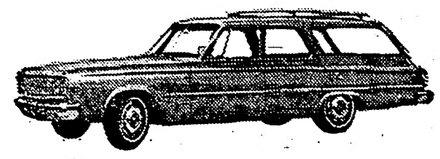
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EUROPE RABBIS MEET

PARIS (JCNS) — A meeting of the European Union of Orthodox Rabbis took place in Munich this week to discuss the Union's allegedly inadequate representation on the Jewish Cultural Foundation. Rabbi E. Munk of Paris, presided, and Rabbi H. I. Grunewald of Munich, welcomed the delegates on behalf of German Jewry.

Speakers at the meeting underlined the alacrity with which the Foundation co-opted the American Conservative movement — which was international only in name — and compared this with its reluctance to admit Orthodox bodies covering many countries otherwise not represented on the Foundation.

The meeting was followed by a conference with representatives of German synagogues. It was decided to revive and reactivate the "Verein der Torahtreuen in West Deutschland" as the German wing of the European Union. A local committee was appointed.

At a public meeting held in the new synagogue in the Reichenbachstrasse, in Munich, the gathering was addressed by Rabbis Grunewald, Munk, Dr. Schonfeld (London), Garelik (Milan), Lichtigfeld (Frankfurt) and M. Warmser, President of the Zurich Orthodox community.

TORATH EMETH CENTRE WELCOMES DELEGATES

The Torath Emeth Jewish Center, 1 Viewmount Avenue, held an impressive breakfast meeting last Sunday morning. It was chaired by Rabbi M. Ochs, spiritual leader of the Congregation, who spoke about the role of orthodoxy in the Jewish community. He also mentioned those who attended the recent convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which was held in Washington, D.C. among whom were: Harry Botnick, chairman of the Religious Committee; Charles Garfunkel, vice president of the synagogue; S. Wortsman, one of the pioneers of Torah Jewry in Toronto.

Mr. Charles Garfunkel received with an ward at the convention for his dedication to community causes, an award which Samuel Wortsman received at a previous time.

Mr. L. J. E. Moses, president of Torath Emeth, expressed the pride of the congregation, at the same time announcing that Torath Emeth soon will celebrate its tenth anniversary.

Those gentlemen present at the meeting who attended the convention spoke touchingly and gave glowing accounts.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Mr. J. B. Salsberg was guest speaker at a meeting last Sunday of Bnai Israel Beth David Brotherhood. His topic was: The Changing Pattern of Jewish Life. Mr. Sam Shulman presided. Mr. Joseph Feldt, program chairman, introduced the speaker.

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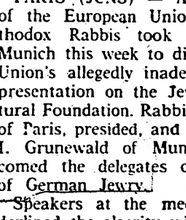
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the lively arts

• THEATRE • MUSIC • FILM

By D. COHN

Pianist Arthur Rubinstein has become the chairman of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization's Memorial Committee for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs and Heroes. The organization consists mostly of Warsaw ghetto survivors living here. The committee plans to erect a memorial to the victims of Hitler.

● Actor Eli Wallach rode from Brooklyn to Manhattan 16 years ago via the subway. Last week he returned in a 1965 Hillman with a skylight roof made for use on the Continent.

Co-star of the Murray Schisgal comedy, Luv, Wallach received a special citation from the English and drama students of Erasmus Hall High School.

Wallach, 49, was born in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, known as Little Italy, and was graduated from Erasmus Hall in 1932. He hasn't been there since.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas; served five years in the Army medical corps; received a degree in education from New York's City College; became an actor.

He is married to actress Anne Jackson. They have three children, Peter, 13, Roberta, 8, and Katherine, 5. The Wallachs live in a large apartment on Riverside Drive. Recently they also purchased a home in East Hampton, Long Island.

Says Wallach, "I hated high school. I was a dumbbell. I spent most of the time at the Flatbush Boys' Club across the street from the school, where I became Ping-Pong champion, did woodwork and dabbled in dramatics. I played a 65-year-old man in a show."

● Appearing at a recent Hanuka luncheon, Rita Moreno, Puerto Rican-born actress who won an Academy Award for her role in West Side Story, stole the show.

She told how she had developed an uncanny feeling of identification with Jewish folkways, folklore and history. To begin with, she is married to a *shlemiehl* in the current Broadway play, The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window.

Miss Moreno said she told her Jewish friends about her developing "Jewishness." They related to her the story of the Marranos of Spain, Jews forced to profess Christianity to escape the Inquisition but who practised Judaism secretly.

She pensively replied, "Marrano, Moreno — who knows?"

● Mike Nichols makes his debut as movie director in the film version of Edward Albee's, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf."

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton will play the leads.

● Murray Schisgall, having reached stardom by writing the hit-comedy, Luv, which Mike Nichols directs on Broadway, still hasn't digested his newly found fame. "It means nothing to me yet primarily because I haven't gotten a check." With other productions, he promised to have his teeth fixed; he did when they were a success. "Now that my teeth are fixed. I want to go out and buy some shoes and some pants and a velour hat which I saw on Fifth Avenue the other day and I'll probably buy —. What else can I get? I'm not going to move away. I don't know. It's a problem, isn't it?

Such problems everyone should have.

Schisgall favors comfortable, unassuming sports clothes.

BERNIE BERNS, acclaimed as America's own "Sholem Aleichem", will make his first Toronto appearance as guest star at the gala Testimonial Dinner-Dance honouring Henry Donsky, president of Beth Sholom Synagogue, which will take place on Saturday evening, December 26th, in the Gerald Schwartz Memorial Auditorium of Beth Sholem. Bernie Berns is a performer to whom Standing Ovations have become almost routine ever since he first appeared on the entertainment scene. His witty, original humour never fails to delight, as audiences across North America happily testify. His appearance at the Henry Donsky Testimonial event is a much anticipated highlight of an outstanding evening.

DANISH PREMIER TO ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN (JCNS)— The Danish Prime Minister, Mr. Jens Otto Krag, is to visit Israel for six days from January 3. He had postponed the visit because of a financial crisis in Denmark.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Helle Virkner Krag, who is a well-known film actress in Denmark. She is of Jewish origin (her maiden name was Lotinga).

HUMAN RELATIONS

The Runaround

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION: Several months ago, I started dating a man who was the best friend of a man I dated many years ago. He told me he was separated from his wife and getting an annulment. He told me that he was attracted to me.

As time went on, the dating became more frequent. During this time he mentioned the fact that we were so compatible, etc. . . . He also made a point of discussing how miserable he was with his wife.

About a month ago, he stopped pressing the issue of my having sex with him. He has told me he dates other women and goes to dances seeking others.

However, recently he has again brought up the subject that he feels guilty about taking up my time since he is not seeking re-marriage at this point.

The other evening he said that he felt we were getting too attached, and he doesn't want to hurt me by even having sex with him. When I asked him point-blank whether or not he wished to see me even from time to time, he replied, "Yes and no".

He always calls for a date the last minute. I was always available. However, several weeks ago I told him that it would be nice to feel I was a forethought in planning a date. He agreed, but now I'm wondering if this was putting pressure on him.

What is the wisest thing for me to do? I do wish to continue seeing him.

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ANSWER: No more than this man is honest with his wife is he honest with you. Also, contrary to anything you have said to him, you still hope, deep down, that he will find a way to give up his wife and marry you. Despite anything he says against his wife, she represents to him a source of protection and security from becoming involved with any other woman. Apparently she gives him the freedom to roam, and then welcomes him when he comes home.

Any girl he dates will become undesirable if she insists on marriage. Men like this tend to wander from girl to girl. The same professions of love and admiration that he voices to you have also been voiced to other girls before you.

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When he talks of not wanting to hurt you, he is indirectly warning you that if you do get hurt, it will be your own fault. To give in and have relations with him would not bind you any closer. You would only become like all the others, whom he can take or leave according to his own convenience. In all likelihood, the fact that you adhered to your moral standards and values kept the relationship going longer than it would have ordinarily. It represents a challenge.

To continue the relationship with this man would be to perpetuate your avoidance of marriage, which seems to be your problem. Sometimes girls avoid marriage because of a fear of sex. Some who are driven by an overwhelming fear like this act it out, thus hoping to get it out of their system. However, the only result is that to fear there is added a feeling of revulsion at the thought of sex. Motivated by fear, instead of by love ,nothing constructive can be achieved by such activity.

Both of you seem to be using each other to satisfy needs that are not mature or healthy. Such misuse will not solve any of your problems. When you are emotionally ready for marriage, you will find a man who is both available and desirable. You certainly sense that there is something wrong with this association and you are probably ready to give it up. You should.

Psychotherapy could help you clear up your fears about sex and free you to marry.

The World Over

PENSION CLAIMS TIME-LIMIT

VIENNA (JCNS) — Austrians who suffered any discrimination on political religious or racial grounds between March, 1933, and May, 1945, which affected their pension rights have until December 31 this year to submit pension applications to the authorities.

BONN DRAFT AGAIN DELAYED

BONN (JCNS) — Parliamentary discussion on the draft of an amendment to Article 26 of the German Basic Law, designed to prevent and punish German participation in the production of offensive weapons in foreign countries, has again been delayed.

The draft is mainly directed against German experts in Egypt. The legal committee of the West German Parliament was to have studied it last week, but this had to be postponed because no decision was reached yet by the foreign affairs committee.

The Social Democratic Opposition members expressed the hope that the foreign affairs committee would speed consideration of the draft, so that the legal committee could conclude its examination by the end of the year.

INDIAN JEWS MEET POPE

BOMBAY, (JCNS) — A delegation of Jewish religious leaders was received in special audience by Pope Paul VI during his visit to Bombay last week.

Greetings on behalf of the Jews of India were conveyed to the Pope by Mr. H. Cynowicz, President of the Central Jewish Board of Bombay. Speaking in Hebrew and Latin, Mr. Cynowicz prefaced his remarks by the words: "We greet you on behalf of the ancient, 2,000-year-old Jewish community of India, and welcome you as an angel of peace on the soil of India".

Mr. Shalom Abraham, another member of the delegation and the president of the United Synagogue, also spoke.

In his reply, the Pope conveyed his good wishes to the Jewish community and said that the welfare and happines of the Jews of India were matters close to his heart. He concluded with the word "Shalom" repeated three times.

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THE LAMB HAS GROWN

Maariv and Jerusalem Post

Keep Smiling

GENTLY DOES IT

Manny Green was confronted by a difficult problem. His pal, Joe Katz, dropped dead while playing cards in back of the saloon. The "bunch" elected him to break the news to Manny's wife. After reaching the apartment, the conversation went thus:

"Have you seen Manny today?"

"Yes, I have."

"I guess at the saloon."

"Yes, at the saloon."

"He was playing pinochle again?"

"Yes, it was pinochle."

"And as usual he lost a lot of money?"

"Yes, he did."

That good-for-nothing. I warned him over and over not to do that anymore. I hope he catches a **misah meshunah.**"

"Why, that's just what I came to tell you about."

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YOUR BUSINESS?

Morris Feldman was walking rapidly on the street and caught up with an old friend. Morris slapped him vigorously on the back, but discovered that the object of his familiar greeting was a total stranger.

"I apologize a thousand times," said Morris confusedly. I thought you were my friend Cohen."

"And even if I were Cohen is there any reason for slapping me so hard?" asked the stranger angrily.

"See here, now," retorted Morris. "What difference does it make to you how I treat my friend Cohen?"

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ALL IN THE NAME

A friend congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Louis Staff (Stavitzky) upon the birth of a son. "What a beautiful baby!" said the friend' "What's his name?"

"Carnegie. Car for short," replied Staff.

"Carnegie! That's a rather odd name," remarked the friend.

"It isn't odd at all after you learn its origin," explained Staff.

"In accordance with an old Jewish custom, I wanted to name the baby after my late father. His name was Bezalel, which cannot be translated into English. The original Bezalel of the Bible, however, was a great worker in metal — and a simple process of association with the word metal brought to my mind the name Carnegie."

THE FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL

REPLY TO AN ARAB

The Letter to the Editor from a young Canadian of Arab descent, which appears on this page, deserves serious analysis. Though, in a sense, it is both anti-Zionist and anti-Israeli, one nevertheless can detect some desire for peace and understanding with the Jewish people. However, Mr. Khalil Iben Houssaya's theory is founded upon complete ignorance of facts.

Following is our analysis of his contentions, point by point:

1. The U.A.R. President Gamal Abdel Nasser is not "a Semitic president". (In fact, the Egyptians are the only ones in the Middle East and among the Arab-speaking peoples who are not Semites.) If one accepts the theory of a Semitic Middle East, Egypt is excluded.

2. Without considering the very complicated, scientifically challenged racial theories, one must admit that, during two-thousand years of Diaspora, the Jews have retained their Semitic characteristics. Also they are the only people in the world who, in dispersion, have adhered to the faith of a return to the Land of Israel and the Hebrew language.

3. The chauvinistic, anti-Israeli movement among the Arabs has not limited itself to fighting "Zionism". Most recent proof: when the Vatican announced it would rectify the historic injustice of deicide-libel, Arab propagandists from Cairo, Damascus and Amman immediately protested this gesture by Rome. These Arabs may have forgotten that some "Palestinians" — Arabs, Druzes or others—can be descendants of those "who killed God". But in the emotional atmosphere of present day, anti-Jewish propaganda directed from Cairo by the Nazi experts under the leadership of von Leers, it is impossible to talk sense to some Arabs.

4. Any figures will prove that the number of refugees from Israeli territory is not 1,400,000.

5. Israel neither expelled these refugees nor forced them to leave the territory of the Jewish state. In fact, while the infamous Mufti who had collaborated with Hitler during World War II called upon the Arabs to leave the Jewish state and join the "army of liberators", fledgling Israel's radio constantly and continuously urged them to remain.

6. The United States of America offered the Arab states full financial backing of the project to resettle the Arab refugees in their lands. They refused the help of both the United States and Jewish organizations for this plan.

7. While one admits that the Palestinian Arab refugees (there were only 600,000) had every right to return, no one can question the position assumed by the Jewish state under the circumstances.

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Speaking at the United Nations Assembly on December 9th, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel Abba Eben declared:

Israel has nothing to discuss concerning Arab demands until the Arabs accept "our statehood, our sovereignty and our integrity".

Would it be unfair to say that unless the Arabs recognized Israel, the admittance of a substantial number of refugees into the Jewish state would be tantamount to accepting a foreign invasion army poised at destruction—thus sheer suicide?

Upon many an occasion Israel declared its readiness to discuss and solve a mutual agreement, all problems between the Arabs and Jews—as it befits, in the words of our Arab correspondent, "the grandchildren of Abraham." But how can Israel solve a problem while her opponents exploit the misery of refugees for political purposes?

A new generation in Israel awaits a dialogue with the youth of the Arab world. This is the generation that revolted against foreign British rule and succeeded in the first anti-Colonial revolution in the area—before Egypt and Algeria. So long as these young Israelis, who are ready to fight for the prosperity of the entire Semitic Middle East—or, as they call it in Hebrew, Mifratz Shemi —, are spurned by their Arab counterparts, neither way nor hope for a solution exists. Instead of being concerned with the development of the entire Middle East — which Arab-Jewish cooperation could turn into one of the most prosperous areas in the world — the Israelis are forcibly involved in defense and war preparedness.

MOSLEM-JEWISH DIALOGUE URGED

NEW YORK (JCNS)—The initiation of inter-faith dialogues between Jewish and Moslem religious leaders has been urged by Mr. Emanuel G. Scoblionko, the newly installed president of the World Council of Synagogues, the global representative body of the Conservative movement. He was speaking at a dinner on Monday installing the new officers and directors of the organization who, like himself, were elected at its Mexico convention in July. Mr. Scoblionko, a Pennsylvanian lawyer, had been the council's secretary for the last four years.

As the first step towards "closer harmony" with Islam, Mr. Scoblionko suggested the creation of an international committee to study the best method of establishing communication and a working relationship with Moslem religious leaders. He referred to the "progress" made in relations with Islam.

Another speaker at the dinner, Dr. Fausto Pitigliani, discussed Judeo-Christian relations in his talk on the Ecumenical Council's impact on the Jewish community of Rome, of which he is president.

Calling the vote on the Declaration on the Jews "gratifying", Dr. Pitigliani pointed out the importance of the attitude of many of the Cardinals, particularly those of the West. He said he was hopeful that there would only be few and minor changes in the final text.

Dr. Pitigliani is Professor of Economics at the University of Aguila (Rome).

letter from england

by June Rose

The Lighter Side

Many parents imagine that they have produced a genius; few realise the hazards and responsibilities of bringing up the outstanding child.

Since he was five, Michael Roll, of Leeds, has been playing the piano in public. He began to play concertos with a full orchestra at eleven, and at twelve won Sir Malcolm Sargent's congratulations for a brilliant performance of Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor with the National Youth Orchestra.

Since then Michael has appeared on television, played with leading orchestras in the country and appeared before the Queen. Each performance received enthusiastic acclaim from both public and critics.

His recital at the Edinburgh Festival was so well received that the BBC have invited him to be their "Artist of the Month" next March. He will give a recital every week and introduce the works he plays.

His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Roll, came to Britain from Vienna in 1939. For the past 13 years they have had ample opportunity to encounter the nervous tension of an artist's life.

As Dr. Roll put it: "It's a terrifically nerve-wracking, unsafe profession." His mother added: "We would have preferred Michael to have had a less harassing career."

In fact Michael, now 18, already had a place at the Medical School of Leeds University when fate took a hand. He won the first prize of £1,000 and the Princess Royal gold medal in the Leeds international pianoforte competition, despite the fact that he was the youngest of 88 competitors from 23 different countries.

The jury, consisting of ten distinguished musical personalities headed by Sir Arthur Bliss, persuaded the young pianist and his parents that it would be almost criminal to throw up his musical future.

Michael had mixed feelings about the decision. He was disappointed at having to relinguish his future as a doctor. And he is clear about the trials at the top.

"Unless you get to the top, you're no good at this profession", he said. "I do get pleasure from concert performances but I'm very nervous. I usually don't eat much before a concert. Practise? Yes, I practise five hours a day but it's not enough. I've still a lot to learn."

He has been taking lessons from Miss Fanny Waterman for the past twelve years, and he still does — twice a week.

Michael describes himself as "not extremely Orthodox". "I think I have a liberal attitude towards Judaism, like most young people — which doesn't mean I belong to a Liberal synagogue."

However, he feels sure that his musical talent is linked with his Jewish heritage. "Jews always seem to have been extremely musical — even those who don't play. It's such a good background. The parents provide a stimulus. They put themselves out more than other parents. It's true in my case. I always heard music in the home."

Michael's father is a talented amateur baritone, his mother plays the piano, and their home was often the centre for musical evenings.

Dr. and Mrs. Roll were founder-members of the J.N.F. Fellowship in Leeds, and Michael is in sympathy with their aims although he is wrapped up in his music. In a concert this summer he played in a private home for his father's group and raised over £350 for the cause.

He is not really an average teenager. He "tolerates" pop music but doesn't listen to it, finds the Beatles "quite witty" but concerns himself with politics and likes almost all classical composers.

He is a modest, likeable ordinary young man with an extraordinary talent. ("You can say that I'm a keen supporter of Leeds United.") He may turn out to be the most distinguished representative of Anglo-Jewry's teenagers.

letters to the editor

CANADIAN OF ARAB DESCENT PROTESTS

Dear Editor:

As a twenty-nine-year-old Canadian of Arab descent, I should like to comment on the obsession your paper seems to have for Hamal Abdel Nasser, Egypt's Semitic president, and on the Arab world in general.

Amid all the questions in dispute between the Arab Semitic peoples and Zionist Israel (I mention the word "Zionist" for the Arab Semitic mind draws a profound distinction between the spiritual glory that will always be Judaism and a political movement calling itself Zionism) there is one issue on which the UN declared its firm verdict more than fifteen years ago — a verdict which no amount of legal quibbling can disguise as anything but a simple statement of the most elementary human rights. This is the still burning issue of the Arab Semitic refugees, some 800,000 of whom left their homes during the fighting in Palestine in 1948 (their numbers have since swollen to 1.4 million refugees) to take temporary refuge in the neighboring Arab Semitic states. Yet within a few months of their original exile the General Assembly had resolved on December 2, 1948, that, and I quote textually, "the refugees wishing to return to their homes and live in peace with their neighbors should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date, and that adequate compensation should be paid for the property of those choosing not to return."

To resume, nearly one-million human beings (yes, my people are also human beings), most of them simple farmers and small merchants who understood nothing of the currents raging about them, lost in this miserable exodus their homes, their lands and their chance of ever again earning a livelihood.

A political movement calling itself Zionism and presently supported by Canadian and U.S. dollars tries to justify this criminal act by repeatedly stating that the Arab Semitic world is using the refugees as a political tool.

First, the majority of the Arab states are poor countries which have enough to do to see that their own peoples have work and shelter and something to eat.

Second, even with the utmost cooperation from the oil producing Semitic states and the fullest use of existing or potential facilities (such as those that could be provided by irrigation schemes in the Jordan Valley and the Sinai peninsula) it is unlikely that even a third of the refugees could be resettled quickly within the bordering Arab Semitic states. Development schemes in Arab Syria and also Arab Iraq could absorb a larger number in the more distant future.

Third, we must never forget that these refugees had been living on Palestinian soil for thousands upon thousands of years, and must now look back over their shoulders to homes and lands that once belonged to them while Zionism heaps oil upon the fire by bringing more and more newcomers by the thousands onto a soil that once was theirs. Can there be any words to describe this injustice?

I myself have traveled twice to this Arab world (Algeria, Syria and Egypt) and was told by Egyptians in particular that before and up to the year 1956 when Israel attacked Semitic Egypt (always in the sacred name of self-defense) the Egyptian army was extremely weak in both equipment and trained cadres. One colonel stated point-blank that even a tiny Albania could have entered Egyptian territory without too much opposition. They are extremely ashamed of this but the truth is the truth even when it hurts.

Nasser the Semite has learned his lesson, for when the West again uses Israel to attack him (or any other part of the Arab world) they will find an Egypt armed to the teeth with the latest in Soviet rocketry and fast moving jets. The Arab Semitic peoples refuse to pay for the Western barbarism committed by a bastardly bastard called Adolph Hitler a short twenty years ago.

In conclusion, I cannot repeat enough that the problem of the Arab refugees is never far below the surface of the Arab mind no matter where one goes around the southern rim of the Mediterranean. The life and death struggle of the Arab speaking peoples is therefore basically against an inhuman injustice which has deprived millions of their own Semitic kin of their very birthright. Judaism, on the other hand, with its spiritual genius will continue, I am sure, to enrich the great heritage which the human race has received from it to the everlasting glory of our common father Abraham.

Montreal

Khalil Iben Houssaya

"The Jewish Vote"

Dear Editor:

The editorial, No Jewish Vote (The Canadian Jewish News, December 4th), was so well put that my reaction was, "I could not have written a better editorial myself."

I do not know how much Canadian political figures have been pandering to or attempting to woo the so-called Jewish vote in your country. I do know that, in some areas of the United States, appeals to Jewish bloc votes have been carried on to an astonishing degree.

In the New York senatorial campaign, this past November, former Senator Keating campaigned extensively on the basis of Zionist-Israel issues.

My organization, early in the campaign, issued a "campaign advisory" appealing to candidates to refrain from these blatant appeals for Jewish votes. Immediately upon the election of Senator Kennedy, we issued a statement suggesting that his election was a repudiation of the "Jewish vote" appeal, which had dominated former Senator Keating's campaign.

I enclose copies of both statements for your reference.

Since everything we have said about American Jews seems to be appropriate for Canadian Jews, I should like you to feel free to cite any of our remarks for the edification of your readers.

We may not agree with all of your editorials, but you are certainly on firm ground, and making a positive contribution to the strengthening of the status of Canadian Jews, when you insist that there is no Jewish vote to be appealed to or delivered.

In closing, may I wish for you and your newspaper a pleasant Hanuka and a Merry Christmas.

New York City

Bill Gottlieb
Publicity Director
The American Council for Judaism

MENTAL ILLNESS

Dear Editor:

My colleague, Dr. Jacob Rubin, drew my attention to an article in your newspaper, special Hanuka section, page A, dated November 27th, entitled, Is Being a Jew Also a Mental Illness?, by Edgar Reichman.

I found this article highly interesting because, about 15 years ago, when then an American representative of World ORT Union directing DP operations in Austria, I undertook a social psychological study in the DP camps of that country assisted by a staff psychologist, Miss Renée Leistner.

The article brought back memories of that epoch and strangely fit into the pattern of thinking of Mr. Reichman. I am, therefore, anxious to contact him. I enclose a letter to him written in French, and also the French version of this study which may be of interest to him. I never really got to publishing it at that time — I was under the strain and stress of intense activities on behalf of our unfortunate brethren in the camps. Please forward this to Mr. Reichman. I am very much interested in personal contact.

I also enclose a copy for you if you are interested. You are free to use some of it or all of it for your own purpose.

New York, New York.

Harry Branton, director
Membership Department
Zionist Organization of America

THE TALMUD TORAH

Dear Editor:

As a constant reader of your fine newspaper, I have followed with great interest during the last few weeks the story of the Bais Yehuda Talmud Torah, closed by the United Jewish Welfare fund and reopened by a few dedicated people.

As a former inmate of the Ghettos and Nazi concentration camps, I cannot help myself but think of our lost children.

Who gave the Welfare people the right to abandon Jewish children in one district, leave them exposed to delinquency and the danger of assimilation, in order to save money to provide Jewish education to children in other parts of our city as they claim. Are they truly our representatives? Are they duly and democratically elected by Jewish people in our community? Do we really live in a free society or are we again in the dark ages of totalitarian rule?

A. SLUTSKI

HAMILTON MAYOR LOOKS FOR REFUGEE

Dear Editor:

I have a request from Shaul Barouch of Haifa, Israel, for the address of Mendel and Ginendel Grinblat who possibly have lived in this area at some time.

Unfortunately these people are not listed in the City Directory or telephone directory so I am asking your assistance. I am informed your paper has a large circulation among the Jewish people. Will you please print a news item, asking anyone knowing them to contact this office?

Thank you in advance fo any assistance you may b in a position to give.

Hamilton, Ontario

Victor K. Copps
Mayo

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

NAMES THAT ENDURE

When we commence reading the second book of the Bible we set a new train of thought into motion. Its central feature is the description of Israel's redemption from Egypt and this has given it its name —Exodus. Very different indeed is this English version from the Hebrew title—Shemoth (Names). The fact that the traditional naming of books of the Bible after the dominant opening word would suggest that some implication can be drawn. In this instance it certainly does.

The book opens with a list of the names of the sons of Jacob who arrived in Egypt. Such a detail would indicate the opening of a great saga. Indeed this was the beginning of an epoch which was to have world-shattering consequences. To recall the names of those who were first involved would indicate the need to be mindful of origins. This so often escapes our attention. We invariably think of the results rather than the root causes; nor are we mindful of the possible outcome of present events and their impact on the future. The reference to the names of the fathers of the tribes should be a reminder to all readers of the Bible to beware of what might emerge from the simplest and apparently the most innocuous of actions.

Reciting the names also draws attention to the fact that the children of Jacob came into Egypt as family units. "Each man and his household did they come," says the text. They lived in accordance with family tradition. They settled in this foreign land in family groups and when they finally left Egypt to travel through the desert their encampments followed the same pattern. In their ultimate resettlement in Canaan the same principle applied. The family meant much to them and according to rabbinic tradition this was one of their redeeming virtues—"they did not change their family names. The name spelt a family tradition, an individual history, a tribal record.

Equally significant is the idea reflected in the Midrashic comment which cites in its support the words of Ecclesiastes, "A good name is better than the finest oil." The name is synomymous with reputation. The Israelites entered Egypt with a good reputation. It was not their fault that subsequent generations did not appreciate its worth. But on their departure the Israelites conveyed the remains of Joseph, the creator of their fame, with them. A true indication of their consciousness of the value of a "good name".

The fact that we so often wish to perpetuate the name of our forbears, especially their Hebrew names, is characteristic of the Jewish evaluation of a worthy name. We may change our outward labels, but not the inner quality which is associated with out Jewishness. This is truly symbolised in the retention of the Hebrew "Shemoth" whilst at the same time adopting the English "Exodus".

Thus three qualities — consciousness of origins and awareness of future prospects, the perpetuation of the family group, and the preservation of the name—form an indissoluble whole. Their true value is perhaps best appreciated when they are examined in reverse order. By clinging to the name which helps to preserve the quality of our reputation, we strengthen the ties which bind the family into a unified group. Thereby we ensure our awareness of the historic past and contribute to the strengthening of the foundations on which the future can be constructed.

At Shaarei Tefillah's Great Weekend — Photo top, from left to right: Congregation president Morris Rubenstein presents Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig with a ticket to Israel as Mrs. Rosensweig looks on. Picture below: this year's Bar Mitzvah boys, sons of congregation members, help celebrate synagogue's bar mitzvah.

UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND

By a Special Reporter

The tables were turned, and it was well deserved. It is, usually, the synagogue which serves as home and host to countless Bar Mitzvah affairs throughout the year. However, December 11th-13th, corresponding to the 6th-8th day in Tevet, saw the roles being reversed as members of Shaarei Tefillah friends and representatives of the entire Toronto community paid tribute to thirteen years of religious, cultural and fraternal service by this unique congregation, not only to its immediate community but to Klal Yisrael. The tribute was indeed moving as large numbers participated in every aspect of this triumphant weekend.

The climax of the weekend was reached not only in dimension of time but also in emotion as Mr. Morris Rubenstein, president of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, rose to present to Rabbi and Mrs. Bernard Rosensweig a pair of round-trip tickets to Israel from members of the congregation as a symbol of their affection and recognition of the Rabbi's role as spiritual guide of the synagogue. An aura of silence enveloped the capacity audience as a completely surprised and deeply touched Rabbi responded in a moving expression of thanks rarely heard at any bar mitzvah function.

Earlier in the evening, under the chairmanship of J. Richard Shiff, presentations were made to past presidents who helped shape the history of the congregation throughout its thirteen years: Harry Magder (1951-54); Max Greenberg (1954-56); Dr. M. B. Weinberg (1956-57, 1959-60); Ab Bergson (1960-62); Frank Mushel (1958-59, 1962-64). The presentations were made by the respective vice presidents who served under their administration: Mr. Joseph Reichman; Dr. M. B. Weinberg; Morris Starkman; David Cohen; Wilfred Goldman.

Other special presentations for devoted and dedicated work were made to Dave Mincovitch, Sol Rubenstein, past parnas and gabai, Murray Frieberg, chairman of the very successful bar mitzvah souvenir journal, and J. Richard Shiff, chairman of the evening and of the weekend.

In a colorful candle lighting ceremony, fourteen candles were lit. Honored were twelve boys born in the year Shaarei Tefillah was founded: Gary Cass; Howard Malach; Joel Jacobson; Joel Naftolin; Daniel Kurtz; Sheldon Berg; Bernard Goldhar; Marshall Garnick; David Frieberg; Arnold Stone; Kenneth Tessis; Neil Naftolin. Also participating in the ceremony were the present executive and their respective spouses: Morris Rubenstein, president; Abe Sheff, 1st vice president; Dave Sugar, 2nd vice president; Max Clement, secretary; past and present treasurer, Mike Mitchell and Joe Tessis; Mr. Samuel Camelgar, parnas; David Nemtzov and Henry Moskovitz, gabboim; Brotherhood president, Ben Raskin; Sisterhood president Helen Fishbane. Also lighting candles were Rabbi and Mrs. Bernard Rosensweig, Cantor and Mrs. Imre Hamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Frieberg and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shiff.

Presenting greetings at the banquet were Norman Goodhead, outgoing reeve of North York township, and Irving Paisley, controller of North York township. Rabbi Phillip Rosensweig of Kitchener, Ontario, delivered an inspiring address on the future which awaits Shaarei Tefillah.

The Sisterhood and Brotherhood took the spotlight at the Saturday evening phase of the weekend with a festive Bar Mitzvah Ball.

The entire Sabbath at Shaarei Tefillah was clothed within a hasidic framework by the presence of Ben Zion Shenker and Velvel Pasternak, who are among the world's foremost interpreters of hasidic folk art. Whether at the beautiful Oneg Shabbat, the Shabbat Kiddush-Luncheon or the Shalosh Seudot, beautiful hasidic melodies reverberated within Shaarei Tefillah and were soon hummed throughout the entire Bathurst-Wilson district.

Ben Zion Shenker's inspiring rendition of Kaballat Shabbat in the "Nusakh" of Modzitz signaled the beginning of the weekend. A "rebbe's tish" which was to serve as the focal point of hasidic zmirot both joyous and meditative was grafted onto the center of Shaarei Tefillah's eight-sided sanctuary. Within minutes following chairman Bobby Cohen's introduction of the evening and Pesach Schindler's introduction of the guests, the sanctuary was alive with melodies that will fill the Sabbath homes of many Torontonians for months to come. The songs were intertwined with knowledgeable commentary by Velvel Pasternak who conducts many choirs on hasidic discs.

The second half of the evening reached high standards of spontaneous enthusiasm (hislavus) as the hundreds of young and not so young joined the guests in outburst after outburst of rhythmic, hasidic inventions.

The joyous mood carried over into Shabbat services and kiddush, only to be subdued by the contemplative and "Dveikus"-like atmosphere of hasidic shalosh seudot neginah.

The continuous round of activities had been punctuated earlier on Shabbat afternoon with Rabbi Rosensweig's scholarly dissertation on: Bar Mitzvah in Halakha.

Cyril Newman and Pesach Schindler served as chairmen, programing for the Oneg Shabbat and Shalosh Seudot; Dr. M. B. Weinberg chaired the Shabbat afternoon luncheon. Throughout the entire Shabbat, the participants were enchanted with Ben Bion Shenker's amazing artistic wizzardry and expression of religious folk medium. This unique "Baal Menagen" left an indelible mark in the souls of many a listener.

In summation, the Gates of Prayer above must have surely opened somewhat wider than usual during Tevet 6-8 in order to pay tribute to and partake in the great joy of the Gates of Prayer (Shaarei Tefillah) below.

HABONIM YOUTH HOLDS SEMINAR IN TORONTO

Approximately 200 young boys and girls from the ages of 15 to 19 will meet in Toronto during this coming weekend, December 27th through 30th, at the Labor Zionist Center, 14 Viewmount Avenue, to participate in the 1964 Winter Recess Seminar of the Habonim Labor Zionist Youth, the youth organization of the Labor Zionist movement in North America.

They will come from New York, Buffalo, Rochester, Montreal, Ottawa and Winnipeg to meet their counterparts from Toronto. Some of the leading personalities of the Labor Zionist movement as well as Jewish communal leaders here will lead discussion on a wide ranging list of subjects.

Some of the topics include: Prospects for Jewish Survival, by Ada Lappin; Patterns of the American Jewish Community, by Prof. Ben Lappin; Education and Religion Within Jewish Life, a symposium consisting of Dr. Joseph Diamond, Julius Sokoloff and Rabbi M. Leibman. Mr. Harry Steiner will deal with a discussion on: The Zionist Approach. A session will be devoted to the function and outlook of Zionist youth in America, which will be in the form of a symposium with representatives from the various Zionist youth groups.

While here, participants in the Seminar will visit various institutions.

Mr. Yoshua Lior, shaliakh to the Habonim Labor Zionist Youth, is in charge of the Seminar.

Genocide Convention

NEW YORK (JCNS) — The American Jewish Committee has urged the United States Government to ratify the Genocide Convention.

The call was made by the A.J.C.'s president, Mr. Morris B. Abram, at a meeting of the organisation's national executive board, in the context of an appeal to the Jewish people "to assume publicly the roles we have historically played — that of a freedom-loving people, which is to fight for the rights of all".

More Morocco Refugees

PARIS (JCNS) — The number of refugees arriving in France from Tunisia has fallen perceptibly in the last two months, responsible heads of Jewish welfare organisation told the JCNS correspondent here this week.

This decrease is, however, due partially to the time of year — people are less inclined to move during the winter, particularly families with school-age children — but it might also reflect a certain stabilisation in the political situation.

On the other hand, there is a noticeable increase in the movement of Jews from Morocco to France. They are mainly middle-class, who prepare their arrival in advance and therefore create relatively few problems for the welfare bodies. These refugees are mainly interested in advice from the Paris reception office of the F.S.J.U. (Fonds Social Juif Unifié), which advises Jewish refugees from North Africa on problems connected with their settlement in France, such as lodging, employment, "carte de sejour", and so on.

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BARUCH LUMET

by BARBARA I. PEARL

A conversation with Baruch Lumet, playwright director-actor, transports one into the world of nostalgia, a world where all the Yiddish greats of a past era — Tomashefsky, Maurice Schwartz, Jacob Adler, Menashe Skolnick, Ludwig Satz, Aaron Lebedeff—spring back to life.

Not that Mr. Lumet is particularly reminiscent of the past; in his prime at 66, he is as forward as tomorrow. Merely, one glance at his mobile face and expressive gestures imparts a feeling of satisfaction — a sentiment that, at a time when most abandon the Yiddish theatre in all its authentic charm for the more modern American stage with its predominant method acting, one could glean yet an insight of the small, colorful Yiddish *shtetl* (town) through Mr. Lumet's endeavors.

Baruch Lumet was born in Warsaw, Poland. Though he could find nothing in his ancestry to justify his acting ability, he still contends that anything pertaining to the theatre "has been in my blood" since childhood.

With the experience of a thespian, the young man migrated to the United States in 1921, settling in Philadelphia. In the new country, his name quickly penetrated the artistic world.

In 1928, Maurice Schwartz, Mr. Yiddish Theatre himself, sent Baruch an S.O.S. Paul Muni, then Muni Weisenfeld whose beginnings as an actor were in the Yiddish theatrical field, left for Hollywood; Schwartz required Lumet as a replacement.

It did not take long for Baruch Lumet's rise to stardom. By then, all through the difficult thirties, he dabbled in every phase of the theater. For many years he owned and operated a Yiddish radio station where many luminaries had their start in show business.

Then Mr. Lumet wrote—in English–Once Upon A Tailor, story of a little tailor in an obscure Galician village who becomes a marriage br[illegible] —a *Shadkhen*, in plain Yiddish.

The role of Jewish matchmaker conjures up many caricatures. But it took Mr. Lumet, in all his talent, to provide him with a finesse and endear him to everyone who sees Once Upon A Tailor, which played for 20 consecutive months in Los Angeles.

However, though the comedy preceded him to the West Coast, it was quite some time till Mr. Lumet could catch up with it.

For, enroute to California in 1951, the Lumets (his charming wife is a choreographer) stopped off at Dallas, Texas. Whether Lumet took the city by storm or vice versa, a six-weeks' visit became a stay of nine years.

Meanwhile, Mr. Lumet founded the Dallas Institute of Performing Arts. A gifted graduate is Jayne Mansfield "who," Lumet claims, "is a fine actress despite her reputation as a sex symbol."

Now in Toronto, Mr. Lumet, who was here briefly some years ago, is stricken by the city's beauty, steady pace and rapid growth. He would like to remain indefinitely. That remains to be seen. Perhaps Once Upon A Tailor will play here too for twenty months or nine years.

theatre hi-lites

A SEVERED HEAD REOPENS CREST

The new Iris Murdoch and J. B. Priestley play, A Severed Head, directed by the young and talented Henry Kaplan, will run at the Crest Theater from Thursday, New Year's Eve, December 31st, to Saturday, January 9, 1965. The star-studded cast includes Tobi Weinberg, Lee Patterson, Anna Cameron, Fred Davis, Leo Ciceri and Dinah Christie.

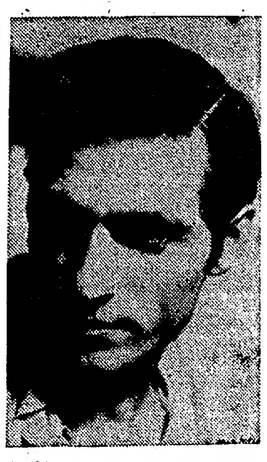
THE NUTCRACKER IS BALLET HIGHLIGHT

Marking the opening of the National Ballet of Canada at O'Keefe Center tomorrow evening is the beloved classic, The Nutcracker, performed to the music of Peter Ilytch Tchaikowsky.

Excursions of schoolchildren from all parts of southern Ontario are being arranged to permit youngsters from outside communities to see the ballet. Frank Schaufuss dances the male lead.

SHADES OF SHOLEM ALEICHEM

From Tuesday, December 29th, through Saturday, January 15, 1965, Concept Productions presents Once Upon A Tailor at the Colonnade Theater. Responsible for this hilarious hit with a flavor comparable to that in the stories of Sholem Aleichem is Baruch Lumet, author, director and star.



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Chairmen for the event are Mesdames Jackie Adler and Harriet Morton, vice president. Mesdames Thelma Edson, Ruth Constam and Beth Pearlstein are assembling the program. Mrs. Gloria Pastein and Mrs. Anita Tyber are forming guest lists and acquiring patronesses for the event.

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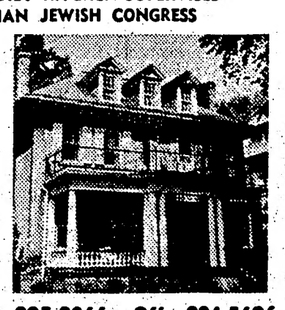

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The fourth annual lecture series of Pioneer Women's lecture forum will be presented on the theme: Inner Conflicts. Mrs. Edel Direnfeld, chairman of the education department, announces the following lectures: On Tuesday, January 5, 1965, Arnold Edinborough, owner and editor of Saturday Night Magazine will speak on, Separatism; Tuesday, January 19th, Mark Gayn, editorial writer, Toronto Daily Star, will speak on, North & South Viet Nam; Tuesday, February 2nd, Scott Young, editorial page columnist, Globe & Mail, will discuss, Similarities & Differences of the Parties in Government; Tuesday, February 16th, David Bruce Archer, president, Ontario Federation of Labor, will discuss, Automation & The Labor Unions. All lectures, open to the public, will take place at 8:45 p.m., 12 Viewmount Avenue.

AWARDS EVENING

On Wednesday, December 16th, Pioneer Women held an awards evening; Mrs. M. Israelson presided. The event celebrated the culmination of the bazaar and auction held last month at the Queen Elizabeth Building.

Mrs. J. Krongold, bazaar convenor, reported a record attendance of over 20,000 persons. One-hundred-fifty members who raised a total of $500.00 or more received pendant awards. Mrs. William Eisenberg, ticket convenor, presented prizes for the highest number of tickets sold. Miss Arlene Silver won first prize; Mrs. I. Wunch, second prize; Mrs. A. Schlossman, third prize.

Mrs. Jack Zackler of Chicago, attorney and national vice president of Pioneer Women, was guest speaker.

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCH

The annual paid-up membership luncheon meeting of B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhood took place recently at the synagogue. Mrs. David Greenearten made the Hamotzi; Mrs. Harold Cohen led the Birkot Hamazon. Mrs. Joseph Feldt, Sisterhood president, chaired the meeting. Rabbi Albert Pannenheim, spiritual leader of BIBD, gave the Devar Torah. Mrs. Jack Oberman, membership vice chairman, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Sam Shulman, fundraising chairman, reported about monies raised to date and announced the dance which will be held at the end of February.

Mrs. Lou Freedman, Youth chairman, announced that Sisterhood will sponsor the one-day Jewish Youth Institute this coming Monday, December 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Theme is: Striving for Maturity.

Mrs. Joseph Steiner, program chairman, introduced Dr. Kirk L. Martin, guest speaker-psychologist, who spoke on: Jewish Family Life—Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.

Mrs. Rubin Marks thanked Dr. Martin on behalf of Sisterhood.

TEA

The Beth Jacob Women's League held its annual tea last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Reichman. Convenor was Mrs. Mordche Nussbaum; co-convenors, Mrs. M. Kuhnreich, Mrs. D. Schmerz, Mrs. I. Wagner.

HANUKA PARTY

Chadera Club, Pioneer Women, held a Hanuka party recently. Mrs. M. Mandel presided. Mr. J. Simlevitz lit the candles; Cantor Murray Nixon rendered musical selections, with Mrs. A. Lewis at the piano. Mr. S. Kraisman was guest speaker. He spoke about his recent trip to Europe and Israel.

Mrs. L. Silver received recognition for her convenorship of all projects. At the head table sat: Messrs. and Mesdames J. Blitstien, S. Lichter, J. Mirsky, S. Kraisman, M. Mandel, J. Fein, Cantor Murray Nixon.

Funds raised were allocated for the spiritual adoption of five children in Israel.

GENERAL MEETING

At a recently held meeting of the Etzion Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, at the home of Mrs. B. Wolfish, Mrs. Zvieli was guest speaker. Mrs. L. Rosenfield, chairlady who presided at the meeting introduced her. She was thanked by Mrs. A. Figdor, vice chairlady.

The raffle donated by the hostess was won by Mrs. A. Figdor. Refreshments were served.

MEETING

● The Minnie Etlin Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, held a regular meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Kurtz recently. Mrs. J. Ross, president, presided. Mrs. Zvieli of Israel spoke about the progress of Mizrachi projects in the Holy Land.

Mrs. S. Warnick won the raffle donated by the hostess.

Mrs. Kurtz was assisted in serving refreshments by Mesdames M. Swartz, J. Ross and H. Rubenstein.

● This coming Tuesday, December 29th, a meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Rochfeld, 1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

● An executive meeting of the Ner Israel Women's Auxiliary was held recently at the home of Mrs. J. Weinberg. Mrs. B. Goodman presided. Present were: Mesdames H. Botnick, E. H. Cooperman, D. Drebin, R. Donsky, S. Goldstein, B. Goodman, D. Herzog, A. Figdor, J. Reichman, S. Hoffstetter, B. Rubinoff, B. Rubenstein, W. Schwartz, J. Weinstock, B. D. Zimmerman.

Mrs. Weinstock selected Mrs. B. Rubinoff as her co-chairman for Life Membership. At present there are nineteen life members: Mesdames R. Botnick, N. Green, A. Gary, H. Garfinkel, E. Gleitman, I. Kelner, B. Kohn, R. Kleinman, C. Kellerman, M. Lebovic, R. Lipson, J. Miltz, J. Makower, S. Orfus, M. Rosenberg, J. Teoperman, J. Weinstock, I. Woolf, B. Weil.

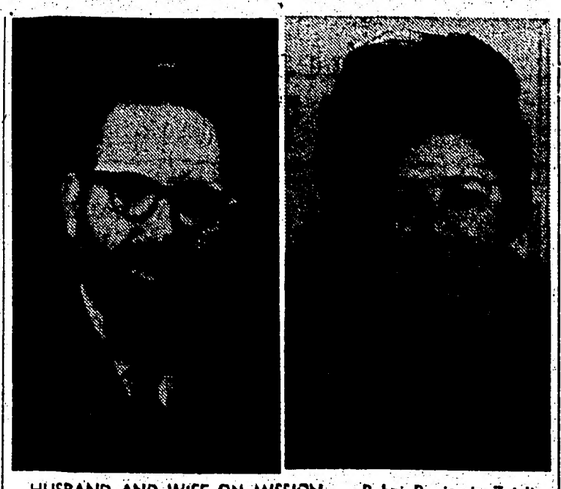
● The next meeting will be held this coming Wednesday, December 30th, at the home of Mrs. E. Cohen, at which time a new series, Know Your Heritage, will be inaugurated. A convention report will be given by Mesdames H. Botnick and S. Hoffstetter who attended the convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations recently in Washington, D. C.

LUNCHEON-MUSICAL

A luncheon-musical will be held on Sunday, January 1, 1965, at 625 Finch Avenue West, to welcome to Toronto Mrs. Jacob S. Weinberg, wife of the Dean of Ner Israel Yeshiva College.

Mrs. D. Roodman, Miss Aviva Weinberg and Miss Magda Liebowitz will perform musical selections.

Hostesses will be: Mesdames A. Bleeman, J. Botnick, H. Botnick, M. Buxbaum, R. Donsky, A. Figdor, D. Herzig, W. Rubenstein; J. Weinstock. Mrs. A. Figdor is reservations chairman.



HUSBAND AND WIFE ON MISSION — Rabbi Benjamin Zvieli and Hava Zvieli, who are in Toronto, each on a separate mission. Rabbi Zvieli, a graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Yeshiva Harav Kook, is in Toronto to study the art of television. A director of Israel's national radio corporation, Kol Israel, and professor at the Academy of Yad Maimon of which the Hon. Minister of Health Yitzhaq Raphael is the head, Rabbi Zvieli will return to his homeland to open the first TV network after he has mastered all there is to know about the intricacies of television.
Mrs. Zvieli, executive director of Women's Mizrachi in Israel, will lecture here extensively.

PUPPY LOVE

By Ruthie

Whenever I think back upon the days I was ten and wished I were older, I smile. Mama always used to say,

"Don't rush your young years away. You'll cry for them yet."

Well, I'm not exactly crying. But now I can understand what she meant.

All around me, I used to see my aunties and uncles become engaged. And I was so excited. I could hardly wait till romance hit me.

When I questioned Mama about it, she brushed me off with,

"*Gay shoin* (go already). *Makh d'kh nish nahrish* (don't make yourself foolish). Such things you shouldn't have in your head. You're still a baby."

So I was left to my own dreams. And dreams they were. Because, for a long, long time, when anyone said the word, boy, I blushed furiously.

If I knew a friend of Mama's was going to visit, and bring along her son *nukh* (yet), I usually hid. And if I was caught unexpectedly, I kept my head lowered until the guests left. I'm positive I was considered a drip.

Those also were the days Mama and Papa *qvelled* (gloated) beause I played the piano so well (according to them). So naturally I had to show off.

Mama had one special friend whose sonny played the violin and banjo. Well, whenever we visited, it was sheer torture. Because it always wound up that we had to play duets. Was I nervous! I goofed all the way.

Today the little fiddler is quite something in another field. We still enjoy a good laugh about those other, wonderful years.

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Nowadays it's different. As a matter of fact, most little girls are more aggressive. Whether that's good or bad, I don't know. Anyway they grow up with fewer complexes.

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Heather came home from school the other day with her head in the clouds.

"Mommy, the boys in my class like me."

"Really? So why do they call you fatso?"

"That's nothing."

"How do you know they like you?"

"Well, I lost my eraser. Scott—you know, the boy whose Hebrew name is Yitzhak—always has a lot of them. He charges the kids a quarter if they need one. But from me he only took a nickel. That shows he likes me."

I quickly began to wisen her up. "Dope, you shouldn't have paid him anything. You're always giving away stuff anyhow. He should have been more polite."

But that didn't disillusion her one bit.

"Know what? They all wanted to sign my autograph.

"And Joey really likes me. Look what he wrote."

So this is what I read:

Roses are red, violets are black.
You look better with a knife in your back.
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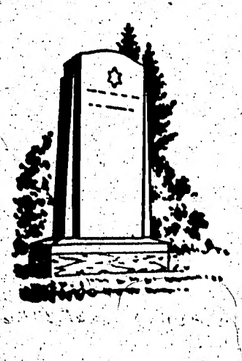
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Miss Ofrat was born in Poland and spent her youth with her family in Siberia. In 1949 she emigrated to Israel, where she received her formal education. She served in the Israeli Army and joined the Army Theatre, obtaining valuable experience.

She began her musical education in 1957, studying voice with Miriam Segal in Tel Aviv. After only two years of study she was awarded first prize in a special Marian Anderson Scholarship Competition held in the Jewish State. Her professional experience includes apearances as vocal soloist with the famed Habimah Theatre in the productions of "The Merchant of Venice" and "Lysistrata".

CAME TO UNITED STATES IN 1959

In the fall of 1959, Miss Ofrat came to the United States as soloist with the Galilee Singers, performing with them at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. She later auditioned for entrance to the Juilliard School of Music where she was awarded a scholarship.

In the summer of 1963, Miss Ofrat was sent by the Israeli Government on a goodwill mission to Brazil, where she performed on radio and television as well as a number of recitals. In 1964 she was awarded a full scholarship to the Festival and School of Music in Aspen, Colorada.

Since 1960, Miss Ofrat has won numerous prizes, among them the Juilliard Alumni Scholarship Award; an Hour of Music Award; first prize in the Y.M.C.A. Annual Competition, and the G. Schirmer Award.

In recent years, she has toured the United States, South America and Europe. At present she is studying with Miss Jennie Tourel at the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

Guest speaker at the Opening Histadrut Dinner on Jan. 3 will be Dr. Judd Teller, brilliant orator, lecturer and author, who is an expert on Russian affairs. He will deliver an address of significant importance which friends and supporters of the Histadrut are looking forward to hearing.

Invitations to the Dinner have already been mailed and reservations are beginning to come in quantity. For the past number of years, many prospective guests have been turned away for lack of accommodation. The Histadrut Campaign urges all our friends to make their reservations as quickly as possible to avoid any disappointment.

FRENCH MILITARY HERO DEFIES ARAB BOYCOTT

PARIS (JCNS) — General Pierre Koenig, the hero of Bir-Hakim and former Minister of Defence, who is one of the most prominent friends of Israel in France, has become the object of pressure on the part of the Boycott Office of the Arab League in Damascus.

The French company which he heads, as well as the General himself, have decided to ignore the Arab threats. A letter sent from Damascus to the company concerned, La Compagnie Financière et Industrielle des Petroles (S.A.), is however, only one of numerous recent manifestations of Arab prossure against French companies, whose heads are suspected of pro-Israeli activities.

The letter received by General Koenig's company, dated November 24, was signed by Mohammed Mahjoub, who heads the Central Boycott Office in Damascus. It gave details of the pro-Israeli activities of the company's executive director, General Koenig, stressing the fact that he is president of the Alliance France-Israel. It called upon the company "to make General Koenig understand that his pro-Israeli activities are detrimental to the interests of the economic enterprises he heads or directs, and that he should give up the above activities and, in particular, resign from the presidency of the Alliance".

Should he be unwilling to do this, the letter said, "it is his duty to give up his functions in the economic societies concerned and liquidate his interests in them, thus avoiding the loss of important Arab markets".

The letter went on to say that unless an undertaking was transmitted to the Boycott Office within three months, or a duly legalised document, proving the resignation of the General from the Company was produced — the French oil company would be put on the black list and all contacts between it and the Arab States would be cut off.

The French company has decided to refuse to give any answer whatsoever to the letter or to any other letter which might follow.

As for the wider aspect of the problem of the increased activity of the Arab Boycott Office in France, it is understood that General Koenig will raise the matter with the French authorities. The General is a close friend and wartime comrade of General de Gaulle, and the gates of the Elysées Palace are more open to him than to almost any other person in France.

EMISSARY OF JEWISH CULTURE: Jacob Joselit, famous educator and author is now visiting Toronto on behalf of Congress for Jewish Culture which has its headquarters in New York City.
The World Congress for Jewish Culture was founded in 1948 by the foremost Jewish writers and intellectuals. It operates from Regional offices in the United States, Latin America, France and Israel.

BOARD MEETING

Adath Israel Sisterhood held a board meeting recently at the synagogue. Mrs. Bernard Kaplan, vice president, chaired the event.

Miss Gert Wainberg delivered the D'var Torah. Mrs. S. Gladstone read the minutes of the previous board meeting. Mrs. N. Feiman read the correspondence.

Mr. Sydney Silverman, chairman of the building committee for the synagogue, presented tentative expansion plans.

The following reports were delivered: Mrs. N. Trachter, donor; Mrs. J. Bedder, paid-up membership party; Mrs. S. Silverman, outlook.

Mrs. J. Potter and her committee served refreshments.

HANUKA CELEBRATION

Brotherhood of Beth Torah Congregation hosted a Hanuka party of the Hebrew School recently at the C. B. Parsons Junior High School. More than one hundred children participated.

The program, under the direction of Mr. M. Baker, principal, included the lighting of candles, plays and movies. All children received Hanuka gifts.

Mr. L. Lukofsky is president of the Brotherhood.

LECTURE

The Women's Auxiliary of the New Mount Sinai Hospital will present its first of three lecture series, Today's Family Plans for Better Health on Wednesday, January 6th, 1:15 p.m. Guest lecturer will be Dr. Barnet Berris, Chief of Medicine, New Mount Sinai Hospital. He will speak on: Medication, Crutch, Curse or Cure — a study of the use and effects of drugs such as pep pills, tranquillizers, sleeping pills, oral contraceptives.

Mrs. Isadore Smith, chairman of the lecture series, will preside; Mrs. Abe Levine president of the Auxiliary, will participate.

Preserve the memory of the deceased by planting trees in Israel. An appropriate certificate is sent to the bereaved family.
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Toser Rebbe In Toronto

One of the leading Hasidic rabbis, the well known Toser Rebbe, Grand Rabbi Meshulem Feish Loewy (residing now in Montreal), is in Toronto for the weekend.

The Hasidic leader arrived here on Wednesday morning and was welcomed at Union Station by hundreds of his Hasidim, mostly newcomers from Hungary, Roumania and Czechoslovakia.

The Grand Rebbe is the guest of Mr. Zvi Kohn, 366 Palmerston Boulevard (WA. 4-6391).

The Toser Hasidim are planning an inspiring weekend program. On Friday evening, December 25th, the Rebbe will officiate at Kehal Machzike Torah, 383 Markham St. He will preside at the Friday night Seudah, at 366 Palmerston Boulevard. On Saturday morning the Rebbe will officiate at the Kehal Adath Yeraim, 608 Bathurst Street, where he also will conduct the Seudah Shlishit.

The Rebbe's visit to Toronto has aroused widespread interest among his numerous disciples and Hasidim in general.

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